

# SYNOD ASSEMBLY LIFE TOGETHER

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## Early News About Our 2008 Synod Assembly

Here are some particulars for the 2008 Synod Assembly as you plan ahead.

**DATES:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
May 16, 17, 18, 2008

**PLACE:** Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center  
1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia  
In the "Vista" near the Colonial Center

**TIMES:** Registration begins Friday morning  
First Plenary early Friday afternoon

**Celebration Banquet for Bishop Donges: Saturday night**

*The Assembly should end Sunday by 1pm.*

### HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

**Please note:** Rooms are available at a discounted rate of \$110 plus 12% tax at the following beautiful new hotel conveniently located next to the convention center:

Hampton Inn  
822 Gervais Street  
(downtown Columbia)  
803-231-2000



Make reservations as soon as is convenient for you. The discount is available until all rooms are reserved or until April 18, whichever comes first.

### VOTING MEMBERS

Your congregation's constitution describes how assembly voting members are chosen from your congregation, usually either election by the congregation or being chosen by the congregational council.

Your synod constitution's Continuing Resolution S7.21.A02. provides the following policy about numbers of voting members.

Each congregation is entitled to at least two voting members.

Additional voting members are entitled to congregations based on their baptized membership as follows:

- Congregations with 300-649 baptized members entitled to one additional lay voting member.
- Congregations with 650-999 baptized members entitled to two additional lay voting members.
- Congregations with 1000 or more baptized members entitled to three additional lay voting members.

The 2007 Synod Assembly also entitled each congregation, regardless of baptized membership, to one additional lay voting member under age 30.

### ELECTIONS GALORE!

There will be elections for the following:

*By ecclesiastical ballot (no nominations):*  
Synod Bishop

*By ecclesiastical ballot (no nominations):*  
Synod Vice President

*By nomination:*

- Synod Council (lay and clergy)
- Committee on Discipline (lay and clergy)
- Consultation Committee (lay and clergy)
- Mission Endowment Grant Committee (lay)
- SC Lutheran Retreat Centers Board (lay and clergy)
- Lutheridge+Lutherock (LLMI) Board (clergy)
- Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Board (clergy)
- Voting Members 2009 Churchwide Assembly (lay and clergy)

The assembly will also elect two persons (lay female) to serve as nominees for election of one at 2009 Churchwide Assembly to ELCA Church Council.